

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

In the Matter of a Public Safety Officer  
Death Benefit for Ryan M. Sorek  
(Deceased)

**PREHEARING ORDER**

A prehearing conference was held on February 28, 2008, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN. Emerald Gratz, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1800, St. Paul, MN 55101, appeared on behalf of the Department of Public Safety. Bruce P. Grostephan, Peterson, Engberg & Peterson, 700 Old Republic Title Building, 400 Second Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55401-2498, appeared on behalf of Jennifer Sorek, the decedent's surviving spouse.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The parties shall conduct discovery informally and shall complete discovery by **March 31, 2008**, including the identification of expert witnesses and exchange of expert reports.
2. This matter is scheduled for hearing on **April 17, 2008**, commencing at **9:30 a.m.** at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN.
3. The parties shall exchange proposed written exhibits and witness lists, and shall file copies with this office by **April 10, 2008**. To the extent possible, the parties shall enter into prehearing stipulations regarding the facts involved in the hearing and foundation for anticipated exhibits. Any party objecting to foundation for any written exhibit shall notify the offering party and judge in writing at least two working days prior to the hearing or the foundation objection is waived.
4. Hearings are ordinarily digitally recorded. In the event that any party requests a court reporter, notice shall be given to the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than **April 10, 2008**. See Minn. R. 1400.7400, subp. 2.
5. Requests for subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents shall be made in writing to the administrative law judge pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.7000. A copy of the subpoena request shall be served on the other parties. A subpoena request form is available at [www.oah.state.mn.us](http://www.oah.state.mn.us).

6. The parties have not requested accommodation for a disability or appointment of an interpreter. The Office of Administrative Hearings shall be notified promptly if either an accommodation or interpreter is needed.

7. This case may be appropriate for mediation. The parties are encouraged to consider requesting the Chief Administrative Law Judge to assign a mediator so that mediation can be scheduled promptly.

Dated this 29th day of February 2008.

s/Beverly Jones Heydinger  
BEVERLY JONES HEYDINGER  
Administrative Law Judge